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Dear Educator:

The Wright brothers made history on December 17, 1903 with the first controlled powered airplane flight. **Even though the first flight took place at Kitty Hawk, the Wrights actually invented the airplane in Dayton.**

To honor the 100th anniversary of the Wrights achievement, Aviation Trail Inc., the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and The National Park Service are sponsoring an essay contest. The contest is open to students in grades 3-12. The subject of the essay is: *"How the discovery of flight has changed the world in 100 years – why Dayton and Ohio should be proud."* (Details are enclosed).

This is an opportunity to educate and develop research, study and writing skills focused on the life-changing benefits that air travel has given the modern world. The entry form and rules may be copied for distribution in your school.

Should you have questions, please contact me at kendra@cinci.rr.com or Carolyn Perkins at the FAA (937-454-4617) for more information.

Sincerely,

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